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Re: Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc. Coastal Zone Act Application – CZA Permit no. 431P

Dear Messrs. Haynes and Coyle,

Please allow this letter to serve as the withdrawal by Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc. ("Mountaire"), of the above referenced application for a permit under Delaware's Coastal Zone Act for an expansion of its Millsboro processing plant.

We are making this withdrawal at this time due to a recent upset condition in the processing plant's wastewater treatment facility, which upset condition will preclude reaching the post-expansion effluent levels forecast in the application until system upgrades are in place. Mountaire is acting diligently to implement interim corrective measures, as well as to develop long term system improvements that we anticipate will bring our effluent levels in line with what was anticipated when the application was filed.

Mountaire fully intends to re-file the application and to pursue the expansion of the processing plant once we are satisfied with all system upgrades and the likelihood that acceptable effluent levels in the spray fields, even at anticipated production levels, can be achieved following an expansion.

We greatly appreciate the effort you both have put into this project thus far, and we look forward to resuming this work in the not-too-distant future.

Very truly yours,

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cc: The Honorable Shawn M. Garvin
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